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INDIA - COMMUNIST CHINA

We are a little worried by the increasingly serious situation on the Indian-Chinese border. There is a good chance of fairly serious fighting along that long-contested border. We are pretty sure a major war will be avoided, but it could get pretty hot. While we like the idea that this dispute may harden India's thinking about ^{Communist China} the Soviet Bloc, India may ask us for more arms--or may even turn to the USSR for arms--and our goal of improving Indo-Pakistani relations will not be helped along.

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